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NOTICES

Title-page and index. The present number of the Bulletin completes the second volume. Title-page and index will accompany the next (Jan. 1909) number.

Additional numbers of Bulletin. The mailing list of the Bulletin is the membership list of the Association. It is not distributed nor sold outside the membership and there is no provision for supplying members with additional free copies of any numbers. Extra copies of the "Proceedings" number may be bought only by members of the Association or of its affiliated societies, for \$1 plus postage. Additional copies of the other 5 numbers (including the "Handbook") will be sold to members only, for 25 cents each.

Reprints from Handbook. A separate edition of the Handbook minus the list of members has been prepared for free distribution to members, library schools, appren-

tice classes and others whenever purposes of legitimate publicity will be so served.

Old Handbooks free. The Secretary has a few copies of Handbooks for 1894, '97, '99, 1900, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06 which will be sent on request to members needing them to complete files.

Wanted the address of Misses Grace G. White and Maud M. Pugsley.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the A. L. A. met at the Sagamore Hotel, Lake George, N. Y., September 25, 1908, with the following members present.

President C. H. Gould; 1st Vice-President N. D. C. Hodges; 2d Vice-President Mrs H. L. Elmendorf; Ex-President A. E. Bostwick; Secretary J. I. Wyer, Jr.

The minutes of the last meeting held at Lake Minnetonka, Minn. June 27, 1908, were read and approved.

Recorder

The president presented the resignation of Mary E. Ahern as Recorder, which was on motion accepted and Alice B. Kroeger was unanimously named to serve as Recorder for the term expiring at the close of the next annual meeting.

Finances

The following report was presented by the Treasurer:

Treasurer's Office, A. L. A.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 17, 1908

To the Executive Board:

Following is a statement of the financial condition of the Association for the calendar year 1908 to date, as shown by my books.

Receipts

1908		
Jan. 1	Balance on hand	\$949.59
Apr. 21	Trustees of Endowment fund	159.22
Aug. 10	Publishing board Rent	250.00
31	Interest on deposits	20.45
	Binding	2.00
Sep. 17	Dues 1908 to date	4554.30
	Miscellaneous	129.52
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		\$6065.08

Disbursements

On budget for 1908 as detailed below	\$1950.66
Jan. 6 Deposit at Headquarters for contingent funds	160.00
May 30 Trustees of Endowment fund life memberships	100.00
Binding	2.00
Balance in bank	3852.42
	<u>\$6065.08</u>

The following statement shows the condition of the various accounts forming the Budget for 1908.

Budget 1908

Accounts	Appropriations	Expenditures
Bulletins, 1908	\$1750	\$300.50
Secretary's salary	250	125.00
Conference	400	349.00
Secretary's office	125	67.01
Committees		
Bookbinding	\$50	28.91
Bookbuying	75	59.89
Travel committee	50	17.51
Treasurer's office	150	65.78
Contingencies	150	5.75
Library administration	25	25.00
Executive offices	1000	908.31
	<u>\$4000</u>	<u>\$1950.66</u>

This leaves a contingent liability of \$2049.34 which sum will be needed to care for 1908 appropriations already made.

Your attention is called to the Executive office account. The balance for the remainder of the year is but \$91.69, or a little more than sufficient to cover October rent. If it was the intention to credit this account with the amount paid by the Publishing Board, please advise me. No such showing is made by the books. If not to be so credited, an additional allowance will be necessary to cover expenses for the remainder of the year.

Very truly,

(Signed) PURD B. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

This report was on motion adopted and the Treasurer instructed to credit Head-

quarters account in the Budget with all payments made by the Publishing board to the Association treasury during 1908 and 1909 for rent of Executive offices.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr George A. Macbeth, Chairman of the Finance committee, authorizing a budget of \$4500 for the calendar year 1909 which was then appropriated by the Executive Board as follows:

Budget 1909

Bulletin 1909 (including postage, envelopes and at least \$100 for editing)	\$1750
Secretary's office	
Salary	\$250
Office expenses	200
Conference	400
Treasurer's office	150
Committees	
Travel	35
Bookbinding	50
Bookbuying	100
N. E. A.	25
Administration	25
Pensions	100
Contingencies	65
Headquarters	1350
	<u>\$4500</u>

Committees

The following appointments to committees were made:

Library training. Upon nomination of Mary W. Plummer, chairman, Adam J. Strohm, William A. White.

Constitutional revision. W. H. Brett vice C. W. Andrews resigned, and in case of his inability to serve, the Chairman is authorized to fill the committee.

Library architecture. W. R. Eastman, chairman, vice C. W. Andrews resigned.

Program. Mrs H. L. Elmendorf.

Catalog section. Miss Laura Smith was appointed chairman and Miss Harriet B. Gooch secretary of the Catalog section to fill vacancies created by resignation of Miss Kroeger from chairmanship.

Location of headquarters in Chicago. The Committee on location of Headquarters in Chicago submitted the following report:

Chicago, July 11, 1908

Mr C. H. Gould

President, American Library Association
McGill University Library,
Montreal, Canada

My dear Mr Gould:

I have received from Mr Wyer notification of the appointment of Miss Ahern, Mr Legler and myself as a Committee on location of headquarters; and beg to report the following action on the part of the Committee:

Ever since our appointment we have been in communication with the University of Chicago upon the assurance that if it were found possible they would offer space at the University. Unfortunately we are now informed that this is not possible.

This is the only new arrangement which has been suggested since my presentation of the subject to the Council at Minnetonka.

We can not recommend the acceptance of the very kind offer of the Field Museum of Natural History for several reasons, including distance from the city, absence of convenient access, and expense involved in complying with the requirements of the building.

The offer of the Library Bureau has been withdrawn.

The other two offers reported at Minnetonka, prove to be for the same space at 215 Wabash Ave. I was not aware of this fact at that time. It therefore is open to the Association to take this space through the Chicago Association of Commerce, instead of directly from Messrs A. C. McClurg & Co.

The Committee feels that the relations of this house to libraries, and especially their proposed relations to the A. L. A., are not of a character to make the acceptance of their offer an action opposed to the principle expressed in the resolution approved by the Board.

In this connection the Executive Board should clearly understand the actual conditions. The building contains a number of other tenants not connected with

Messrs A. C. McClurg & Co.; it has a separate entrance for these offices; the firm's name would not appear in connection with the location; Mr Zimmerman's letter and the fact that the first offer came through the Chicago Association of Commerce, relieve the A. L. A. of any extraordinary obligation which could be felt to affect the attitude of its members.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that you accept the offer of space at 215 Wabash Ave., tendered by the Chicago Association of Commerce. If this is satisfactory to you, the Committee will proceed immediately with the necessary arrangements. If not, they see no further use to the Association of their services in this connection and beg to be relieved of further responsibility in the matter.

In view of the delay, due to our attempt to secure an alternative, we would request an answer by telegraph.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

(signed) C. W. ANDREWS

Chairman

Action having previously been taken on this report, by correspondence, it was now formally received and the Committee discharged as it requested with the thanks of the Board for the services rendered.

Place of meeting

Invitations from New Jersey librarians were presented urging Asbury Park for the next annual conference.

Correspondence was submitted between the Secretary and W. F. Yust relative to arrangements for 1909 conference at Louisville, Ky., from which it appeared that satisfactory combination rates (room and board) have not yet been secured from the leading hotels and that no entirely satisfactory meeting places have been offered.

The Secretary was directed to secure a detailed statement of number and kind of rooms available during conference week at both Galt House and Seelbach Hotel, with number which can be accommodated in each room and total number to which each hotel will guarantee accommodations at rates named.

Further, that in case these hotels will not make rates on American plan, what fixed prices can be secured from table d'hôte café at each hotel during A. L. A. conference.

Headquarters in Chicago

A letter was read from the Chicago association of commerce offering its services in finding quarters in that city for the Executive offices of the Association.

Voted, That the Executive board accept the kind offer of the Chicago association of commerce to assist in securing suitable quarters in that city for the Executive offices of the A. L. A. and that such quarters should contain at least 1000 sq. ft. of floor space; should be heated, lighted and accessible for visitors; should provide easy shipping facilities, free janitor service and the rental should not exceed \$1000 per annum. Quarters in an easily reached residence district would do.

Secretary's report

The Secretary reported that in default of regular action by the Finance committee, he audited the books and examined the vouchers of the retiring Treasurer, A. H. Hopkins, on July 27, 1908 and turned over the books and money to the Treasurer elect, Purd B. Wright.

Further, that in consultation with the ex-President, Mr Bostwick, he had prepared the material for inclusion in the printed Proceedings of the Minnetonka conference in accordance with the form of the Asheville Proceedings and embodying the suggestions of the Program committee which edited that volume.

Further, that acting under authority conferred by unanimous correspondence vote of the Executive board, he had in conjunction with the President renewed the lease on Executive offices at 34 Newbury St., Boston, for one year from September 1, 1908, at \$1000 per annum of which sum the Publishing board agrees to pay one-half.

Voted, That the report of the Secretary be received and the action of the President and Secretary *re* renewal of Boston lease be approved.

J. I. WYER, JR. Secretary.

COMMITTEES

Bookbuying

Duty on books. Mr W. P. Cutter, of the Bookbuying committee, appeared before the Committee on Ways and means of the House of Representatives at Washington, on Saturday, Nov. 21st, and advocated, on behalf of the Association, the retention of the privilege of free importation for libraries and educational institutions.

This action was deemed necessary because the New York Typothetae, ostensibly an organization of employing printers, filed a brief with the committee, asking that this privilege be withdrawn, that books in foreign languages be removed from the free list, and that the duty on *all books* imported be increased from the present rate, *twenty-five* percent ad valorem, to *seventy-five* percent ad valorem.

There is little danger that any increase of duty will be made, but there is a danger that the committee may, as a sop to the publishing interests, who are of course behind the printers, do away with the privilege of free importation. The Committee will watch further action by the Congress, and at the appropriate time will notify those interested of any action deemed advisable by the members of the American Library Association.

Cooperative buying. This committee has taken up the work of making lists of those books of which libraries purchase annually the largest number of copies. The first part, already under way, will cover fiction for adults and will include about 700 titles. Recent publications will of course not be included in it. The aim will be to compile a list of those novels, copies of which all save quite small libraries try to keep always on their shelves in good condition. Those editions will be specified, which by general consent are the best adapted for use in a lending library.

This list will on completion be inexpensively printed and widely distributed, in the hope that it will be of use as a guide in buying.

The committee also have in mind the

possibility of securing, through the use of lists such as this one, a measure of cooperation in purchase among libraries.

It seems that one reason for the failure of previous attempts at cooperative book-buying, has been the lack of definitiveness as to the thing to be purchased. If certain lists of adult fiction, juvenile fiction, histories, biographies, essays, etc., which include the books annually purchased by libraries in large quantities every year can be compiled, it may then be possible to establish an agency for the purchase and distribution of the items included in them. Here is a point at which a beginning can perhaps be made. We shall have definite knowledge of the lines along which purchases, to the extent of many thousands of dollars annually are made.

To centralize these purchases and secure proper discounts thereon ought not to be an impossible task.

J. C. DANA, Chairman.

Nov. 25, 1908.

SALE, EXCHANGE AND "WANTS"

Any library member of the Association may insert, without cost, a ten-line notice of books or periodicals wanted, for sale or exchange. Items for the January Bulletin should reach J. I. Wyer, Jr. State Library, Albany, N. Y. by January 10, 1909.

WANTED

Brooklyn public library

American philosophical society. Transactions of the historical and literary committee. v. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12.

Furman, Gabriel. Antiquities of Long Island. N. Y. 1874.

Lalor, J. J. Encyclopedia of political science. 3 v.

Larned, J. N. History for ready reference. v. 6 only.

Rogers, M. Waverly dictionary.

Enoch Pratt free library, Baltimore

A. L. A. Booklist. March, April, 1907.

American geographical society. Bulletin, 1852-56.

American literary magazine. Any numbers of v. 5 after August 1849.

American magazine of civics. v. 9 for 1897.

Southern literary journal. v. 4 for 1837 (n. s. v. 1) Sep. to Dec.; v. 3 for 1838 Feb. May, July, Oct.

Lynn, Mass. free public library

English history from contemporary writers.

Edward III and his times, 1327-1360, ed. by W. J. Ashley. 1887.

Strongbow's conquest of Ireland, ed. by F. P. Barnard. 1888.

The misrule of Henry III, 1236-1251, ed. by W. H. Hutton. 1887.

Simon de Montfort and his cause, 1251-1266, ed. by W. H. Hutton. 3rd ed. 1907.

New York state library

Cushing, Anonyms. 1889.

Davenport, C. J. H. Samuel Mearne, binder to Chas. II. Caxton club. 1906.

Lakeside monthly. 1869-74.

Nat. Educ. Assn. Proc. 1864, 1868, 1872.

New. Engl. waterworks assn. Journal. v. 1-14.

Universal cyclopedia. Appleton. 12 v. ed. 1903-4.

Virginia. Pay rolls of militia entitled to land bounty. Richmond. 1851.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Amherst college library

offers a few copies of Hitchcock's Final report on geology of Massachusetts, 1841, in 2 v. (usually bound in one) in sheets, in good condition, with map and plates, at \$1.00 for the set, plus carriage (too heavy for mail).

Brooklyn public library

U. S. Diplomatic correspondence. pts. 1-2, 1862-1863; pts. 1-4, 1864.

Centennial of the U. S. Military academy, 1802-1902. 2 v.

Bill, L. A winter in Florida. 1869.

Peverelly, C. A. American pastimes. 1866.

Story, W. W. Roba di Roma. 1864. 2 v.